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Gainesville limits public drinking

City police enforce strict open container law

Josh Dawsey
STAFF WRITER

Before every game at Williams-Brice Stadium, thousands of people gather in the S.C. State Fairgrounds and surrounding areas to tailgate with food, games and most likely alcohol.

But if you're going to Gainesville, Fla. this weekend for the USC vs. Florida football game, think twice about the alcohol. Gainesville has a strict open container law that forbids anyone from walking the streets with alcohol, regardless if you're 21 or not.

Gainesville law states "it is against Gainesville City Ordinance 4-4b to carry or consume any open container of alcohol, such as an open bottle of beer, a mixed alcoholic drink in a cup, an alcoholic beverage container with a broken seal on any public right of way, such as a street, sidewalk or parking lot."

Passengers with open containers in a car will be arrested along with anyone drinking in a parking garage.

Gainesville police say no warnings are given. If you are caught in possession of an open container, you will either be issued a citation or immediately taken to jail.

The city has posted information on their drinking

policy online, hoping to keep the experiences of traveling fans from turning into a "day of regret."

A spokeswoman from the Gainesville Police Department did not immediately return a phone call to The Daily Gamecock.

Brick Lewis, spokesman for the city of Columbia, said a similar policy exists inside city limits.

"It's against the law in the city to have an open container, unless a special permit has been given for an event," Lewis said. "We have the same policy."

Yet the fairgrounds are not under city jurisdiction, with the Richland County Sheriff's Department, SLED and Highway Patrol holding joint jurisdiction. As long as you're 21, it's legal to drink inside the fairgrounds, according to local authorities.

For some students traveling to Gainesville this weekend, USC restrictions will prohibit drinking. Carolina Convoy, the Student Government sponsored trip that is taking 150 students to Gainesville, is substance-free.

Any student caught with the possession or under the influence of alcohol will be disciplined by the university, according to an e-mail from Erin Palmer in the Student Government office.

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USC to tip off new season

Gamecock basketball prepares for opening game

Michael Aguilar
SPORTS EDITOR

It has been a long several months for Gamecock basketball, between the firing and hiring of coaches, trips to Europe and early season suspensions.

All of that has come to an end as USC will square off against Jacksonville State in the Colonial Life Arena at 7 p.m.

On April 1, Darrin Horn was named basketball coach at USC. Horn succeeded former coach Dave Odom after the Gamecocks finished last season with 14-18. Athletics director Eric Hyman decided it was time to part ways with the old coach and bring in new blood.

Horn had just finished a run to the Sweet Sixteen with his former school Western Kentucky. His coaching style and youth appeared to make him a prime option to take USC basketball in the direction that it wanted to go.

Since then, the men's basketball team has been working meticulously to prepare for the coming season. Horn has preached conditioning and aggressiveness. He expects 75 points a game from his fast paced offense and the Gamecocks matched that number in an exhibition against Peach State a week ago.

With all that preparation done and some of the results already on display, it would seem Horn put all of the butterflies behind him for tonight's game.

"I think there's something wrong with you if you don't [still get butterflies]," Horn said. "You want to be a little bit, I don't know if nervous is the way to say it, but anxious about going out there and doing well."

There are multiple keys for the Gamecocks to be doing well and according to Horn, one of the most important keys is consistency on the offensive end of the floor.



Sam Bennett / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Coach Darrin Horn toasts with his team during the playing of the Alma Mater.

"It's no secret that we need to better offensively," Horn said. "That will be a work in progress but we want to see some strides in that area for us ... We're not worried about it, it's way to early for that, but we need to see progress from where we were last Friday. We need it to get better there's no question about that."

Sophomore forward Mike Holmes missed the exhibition match because he was suspended for breaking an unspecified team rule. His return will be a huge contributing factor both literally and figuratively as Holmes adds his 6-foot-7-inch frame to the starting five.

"The big thing that [Holmes] does for us is give us a big presence inside," Horn said. "He gives you a guy that you can throw the ball to and something good is going to happen. So, hopefully he can do that for us."

Horn is not the only Gamecock happy to see Holmes return to the lineup.

After the Gamecocks were nearly out-rebounded, 44-41, by a much smaller Kentucky Wesleyan team, Holmes' teammates are excited for the big man's return to the blocks as well.

"He brings offensive rebounding and defensive rebounding and a low post presence," junior forward Dominique Archie said.

If anything, Horn and the team are excited for the season to start. There has been plenty of talk surrounding the beginning of this season and the Gamecocks are excited to shift the talk from what is happening in practice to how they are performing on the court.

"The players are excited to kick off the season tomorrow night," Horn said. "As am I. We look forward to getting out [on the court] and it counting for real."

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STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE WEEK: THE PASTAFARIANS

Secular group focuses on open discussion, freedom in beliefs

Jennifer Silverman
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The Pastafarians is not a group dedicated to all things spaghetti.

Instead, the group is dedicated to allowing secular students to meet, discuss and participate in activist activities that are not centered on a specific state of religious beliefs.

President Andrew Cederdahl and Vice President Matt Sulem started the group a year ago to create a place for secular students to meet.

The name Pastafarians and its mascot, the Flying Spaghetti Monster or FSM, came from a letter written by Bobby Henderson to the Kansas State Board of Education, according to the group's Facebook site.

Henderson's letter requested that if the state was going to include Intelligent Design in its curriculum, then the belief that the Flying Spaghetti Monster created

the world should be included too.

The organization's name and background describe one of the group's main discussion topics: keeping religion out of schools.

The Pastafarians meet every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in LeConte with activities ranging from discussions of current events to letter-writing campaigns. The most recent letter-writing campaign was part of Project Fair Play Initiative. Students wrote letters to religious leaders in the Columbia area reminding them to look out for laws about backing candidates from the pulpit.

Other activities have included a showing of the documentary "Jesus Camp" followed by a discussion and presentation by a sociology professor on cults.

The Pastafarians also participated in Darwin Day last year and plan to participate again this year. Darwin Day takes place on the birthday of Charles Darwin and is celebrated internationally on Feb. 12.

This year the main event will be a moderated debate



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The Pastafarians participate in Darwin Day every year.

between Dan Barker, co-president of Freedom from the Religions, and member of the Apologetics Press Kyle Butt. The topic of the debate will be "Does G-d exist?" The event will take place in the Russell House Ballroom at 7 p.m.

The Pastafarians are also contributing to Operation Foxhole Atheist. On Nov. 18 the club will be hosting a Pasta Party for the Troops. For either \$5 in cash or in goods to include in a package to the troops, each person gets a plate of pasta and a drink.

One thing Cederdahl hopes to change through the groups' different activities is to change the misconceptions

about people with secular beliefs.

"A lot of people demonize secular people, [they] imagine we are immoral people," Cederdahl said, "You can be moral without religion."

Cederdahl also said one of the group's goals is to open up dialogue about different belief systems. The Pastafarians do tend to focus more on Christianity than other religions but are open to anyone who would like to attend one of their meetings.

For more on the Pastafarians, please check out their Facebook group USC Pastafarians.

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NATIVE AMERICANS LEAD DIALOGUE



Alan Tauber / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The room was packed Thursday night in McBryde Lounge F as students listened to a panel of Native American speakers.

As part of Native American Heritage month at USC, Will Goins of the South Carolina Cherokees, George Pedraza of the Tohonooodhan tribe and Marcy Hayden and Barbara Morningstar Paul of the Lakota tribe formed the panel.

"It was a strong success, great turnout, great questions and participation from the students who attended and great answers," said Gavin Weiner, graduate assistant for the office Multicultural Student Affairs.

— Compiled by Annie Parsons



The Blitz

Cory Boyd talks about his love for the Gamecocks and his experience in the NFL. See page 4C

The Mix

Jack's Mannequin shows off the groups vocals with lyrics that truly inspire. See page 5A

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Today @ USC

TODAY

Students Engaged in Aquatic Science Jewelry Sale
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
RH Lobby

Chosen Bake Sale
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
RH Lobby

Alpha Lambda Delta meeting
3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
RH, Room 315

SUNDAY

Hill of the Lord Church Service
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Rutledge Chapel

Garnet Circle meeting
8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
RH, Rooms 322/326

MONDAY

Students for Life meeting
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
RH, Room 302

ICE meeting
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
RH Dining Room

Mountaineering and Whitewater Club meeting
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Sloan 112

Red Cross Club meeting
7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
RH, Room 304

Amnesty International meeting
8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Calcott 101

QUESTION OF THE

Week

Because basketball loyalty points now apply to football, will that make you more likely to go to basketball games?

“Yes, because football is more popular.”
— *Graig Weidinger, third-year physical education student*

“Yes, because the points will improve my chances of getting football tickets. I’ll also go because basketball games are fun.”

— *Chris Lambeth, first-year mechanical engineering student*

“It’s an incentive, but I like basketball and I’d probably go anyways.”
— *Regina Ferguson, first-year opera student*

“Not really, because I went to all the basketball games last year. It’s beneficial to me though.”

— *Josh Gandy, second-year accounting student*

“Only because of the loyalty points, I’d be more likely to go.”

— *Garrett Schlosser, first-year sports and entertainment management student*

— *Compiled by Assistant News Editor Kara Apel*

PIC OF THE DAY



Bobby Sutton / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The Horseshoe offers scenic views such as this one of a group of flowers in a garden behind the South Caroliniana Library at night.

Local

A South Carolina Roman Catholic priest has told his parishioners that they should refrain from receiving Holy Communion if they voted for Barack Obama because the Democratic president-elect supports abortion, and supporting him “constitutes material cooperation with intrinsic evil.”

The Rev. Jay Scott Newman said in a letter distributed Sunday to parishioners at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Greenville that they are putting their souls at risk if they take Holy Communion before doing penance for their vote.

“Our nation has chosen for its chief executive the most radical pro-abortion politician ever to serve in the United States Senate or to run for president,” Newman wrote, referring to Obama by his full name, including his middle name of Hussein.

“Voting for a pro-abortion politician when a plausible pro-life alternative exists constitutes material cooperation with intrinsic evil, and those Catholics who do so place themselves outside of the full communion of Christ’s Church and under the judgment of divine law. Persons in this condition should not receive Holy Communion until and unless they are reconciled to God in the Sacrament of Penance, lest they eat and drink their own condemnation.”

During the 2008 presidential campaign, many bishops spoke out on abortion more boldly than four years earlier, telling Catholic politicians and voters that the issue should be the most important consideration in setting policy and deciding which candidate to back. A few church leaders said parishioners risked their immortal soul by voting for candidates who support abortion rights.

But bishops differ on whether Catholic lawmakers — and voters — should refrain from receiving Communion if they diverge from church teaching on abortion. Each bishop sets policy in his own diocese.

National

LINCOLN, Neb. — The mother was running out of more than patience when she abandoned her 18-year-old daughter at a hospital over the weekend under Nebraska’s safe-haven law.

She was also running out of time: she knew that state lawmakers would soon meet in a special session to amend the ill-fated law so that it would apply to newborns only.

“Where am I going to get help if they change the law?” said the mother, who lives in Lincoln and asked to not be identified by name to protect her adopted child.

To the state’s surprise and embarrassment, more than half of the 31 children legally abandoned under the safe-haven law since it took effect in mid-July have been teenagers.

But state officials may have inadvertently made things worse with their hesitant response to the problem: the number of drop-offs has almost tripled to about three a week since Gov. Dave Heineman announced on Oct. 29 that lawmakers would rewrite the law.

With legislators set to convene on Friday, weary parents like the Lincoln mother have been racing to drop off their children while they still can.

On Thursday, authorities searched for two teens — a boy and girl, ages 14 and 17 — who fled an Omaha hospital as their mother tried to abandon them. The mother was trying to take them from the car to the emergency room when they took off.

Child welfare experts said the late deluge of drop-offs was probably inevitable. After all, they said, some date had to be picked to begin changing the law.

But some of them said lawmakers and the governor missed chances to change the law early because they underestimated the number of desperate families looking for help. Heineman called the special session only after a spate of five drop-offs in eight days.

Reluctance to pull senators away from their jobs and election campaigns, along with the estimated \$70,000 to \$80,000 cost of a special session, were among the reasons Heineman’s office cited in holding off on calling a special session sooner.

World

BEIJING — Thick brown clouds of soot, particles and chemicals stretching from the Persian Gulf to Asia threaten health and food supplies in the world, the U.N. reported Thursday, citing what it called the newest threat to the global environment.

The regional haze, known as atmospheric brown clouds, contributes to glacial melting, reduces sunlight, and helps create extreme weather conditions that impact agricultural production, according to the report commissioned by the U.N. Environment Program.

The huge plumes have darkened 13 megacities in Asia — including Beijing, Shanghai, Bangkok, Cairo, Mumbai and New Delhi — sharply “dimming” the amount of light by as much as 25 percent in some places.

Caused by the burning of fossil fuels, wood and plants, the brown clouds also play a significant role in exacerbating the effects of greenhouse gases in warming up the earth’s atmosphere, the report said.

“Imagine for a moment a three-kilometer-thick (1.8-mile-thick) band of soot, particles, a cocktail of chemicals that stretches from the Arabic Peninsula to Asia,” said Achim Steiner, U.N. undersecretary general and executive director of the U.N. environment program.

“All of this points to an even greater and urgent need to look at emissions across the planet because this is where the stories are linked in terms of greenhouse emissions and particle emissions and the impact that they’re having on our global climate,” he said.

Some particles within the pollution cloud, such as soot, absorb sunlight and heat the air. That has led to a steady melting of the Himalayan glaciers, which are the source of most of the major rivers on the continent, the report said.

The Chinese Academy of Sciences estimates the glaciers have shrunk by 5 percent since the 1950s. At the current rate of retreat, glaciers could shrink by as much as 75 percent by the year 2050, posing a major risk to the region’s water security.

The pollution clouds also have helped reduce the monsoon season in India.

— *The Associated Press*

Crime Report

TUESDAY, NOV. 11

Second degree burglary, 9:30 a.m.
Mechanical Engineering Building, 300 Main St.

The victim said that an unknown person opened the door to room A135.

The subject removed \$2 in coins from a desk in the room and \$3 in coins was missing from the adjacent room.
Total damages: \$200
Reporting officer: M. Winnington

— *Compiled by Halley Nani*

Members of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity presented the Columbia Fire Department with \$4500 on Thursday, which will help the department provide fire detectors to citizens in Columbia.

The money was raised from Pi Kappa Alpha’s PIKE Rodeo, a bull riding competition held at 5 Points Pub this month.

Sororities competed in teams and participants received points for how long they were able to stay on the bull. Members of the fire department were judges.

“We were very pleased with the outcome,” President of Pi Kappa Alpha Andy Kraemer said. “It was the first time we did this.”

“The fire truck is also an unofficial symbol of our fraternity,”

—Kraemer said.

Kraemer said the fraternity will turn PIKE Rodeo into an annual event.

Compiled by Assistant News Editor Kara Apel



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Obama has work cut out in repairing world image

Global resentment runs deep, president-elect can't rely on popularity

One of the most persistent criticisms of George W. Bush throughout his term in office was that he alienated the United States from the rest of the world.

He was arrogant, "unilateral" and scornful of the desires of the world community. Right or wrong on the issues, he weakened our position by damaging our credibility, so the story goes.

All of these criticisms have merit. But the argument's power was greatly increased by pairing it with a distortion: that before President Bush, America was loved. That somehow he alone has ruined a stainless reputation. That our disagreements with other nations will cease when we elect a president they are more inclined to like.

In this picture, Barack Obama is the perfect antidote to Bush. He is undoubtedly popular in many places around the world, as pictures of celebrations on the streets of world capitals after his election prove.

But anti-Americanism wasn't the sole creation of the Bush presidency. It existed before, and will exist after. French resentment of American power goes back to the post-World War II period and Charles de Gaulle.

Muslim resentment goes back to Israel's creation. Poorer countries that think they are abused by the world resent rich countries categorically, but single the U.S. out.

Bush may have exacerbated problems of America's image abroad, but he didn't create them. On the world stage, Obama has his work cut out for him, like all presidents.

On particularly contentious issues like Israel, deferring to world opinion will damage his reputation with American voters and be politically impossible. On issues like free trade, he can only hope to please some countries at the expense of others.

None of this would be a problem if Obama's supporters here and fans abroad didn't seem convinced that his presidency will bring an end to all arguments.

In a speech in July, Obama described how in the aftermath of 9/11 "old allies, new friends and even long-time adversaries stood by our side" and President Bush had subsequently squandered this good will. It is deeply cynical to believe that America is strongest when pitied, and unrealistic to think that when disagreements are put aside in a time of sympathy that they are forgotten forever.

Similarly, if Obama believes that the afterglow of his election will allow him to work America's will abroad without obstacle, he is mistaken. If, on the other hand, he maintains his popularity with deft diplomacy, he may accomplish great things. This requires him to firmly understand that disagreements with foreign countries run deeper than dislike of President Bush and that he can't please everyone all the time.



RICHARD WOOD
Third-year history student



THE MEDER IS RUNNING
Crass tactics negate message

Kinsey Sicks' antics overshadow point, discussion of sexuality

Cultural awareness including understanding, respecting and at the very least tolerating others who are different from us is definitely an obligation in our society.



ELLEN MEDER
Second-year print journalism student

Regrettably, this Creed Day USC was exposed to a group that not only flirted with the line, but flounced right over it, and made innumerable pelvic thrusts at it. For those who were offended by the Kinsey Sicks' Wednesday performance, laying blame for why such a crass act took place on a USC stage is less important than defining what is acceptable when it comes to discourse of sensitive and volatile subjects.

The drag a cappella group, which is by no means inherently offensive by general community standards, but rather hilarious, is not the first group to flavor their entertainment with language, dialogue

and actions that can only be described as crude, crass, tacky and tasteless. Americans have been getting social commentary from the often-lewd cartoon South Park for years. The major difference is that the Comedy Central show (which can easily be turned off) has never seriously pushed an agenda.

There are plenty of examples of people who "are right" and therefore abandon all tact and instead employ shouting and shock tactics. The extreme pundits Ann Coulter and Michael Moore (who were both shafted in the performance) are both outlandishly over-the-top and are therefore not taken seriously by anyone.

Well, unfortunately, when your subject matter is sexuality instead of politics, the shock factor compounds.

Of course the idea of shock tactics is to confront people with taboo subjects and force them to talk about it. But it is easy for people who are already in opposition to focus on the messenger and let the method of delivery become the topic, and ignore the message. Seriously, if you put images of people doing very specific and graphic sexual acts to goats into the minds of

an audience, chances are they will forget any message of equality for all sexual orientations. Using borderline pornographic language is not the best route to speak of tolerance. The old adage really holds true: you catch more flies with honey than bitter, distasteful vinegar.

It is particularly disappointing that a group who represents a community that is most unfortunately already riddled with bigoted stereotypes and misconceptions turns around and affirms the notions of many people that the LGB community is nothing more than a bunch of classless perverts who hold nothing sacred. Not to mention how useless it is to actually actively perpetuate standards that lesbians are all rugby playing gym teachers and librarians.

I'm not saying don't raise your voice — it is infuriating when the rights of a minority are trampled. I'm not saying that a performance needs to be held to the standards of polite conversation — we are a college campus. I am simply asking that activists seriously consider their audience, their standards of decency and what will actually be accomplished by outlandish acts of seriously questionable taste.

IN YOUR OPINION

Group acceptable as Creed Day performers

Dear Editor,
During my time here at Carolina, I have noticed not only the diversity of USC's students, but also the welcoming nature of the community. However, I was disheartened when I read the Letter to the Editor published on Creed Day. While I recognize that Mr. Manning has valid points regarding the university's financial predicament, I am saddened by the fact that he does not see the significant portion of USC that supports events such as the Kinsey Sicks. Every year, such a large number of students turn out for the Birdcage, a drag show, that many of them are turned away.

Traditionally, events like the one Mr. Manning recommends are not received well by students.

He mentions that the Carolina Judicial Council and Carolina Productions "[ignore] the academic integrity side of the creed." What Mr. Manning fails to consider, however, is the fact that each semester, representatives from the Carolina Judicial Council, Office of Academic Integrity and Office of Student Judicial Programs go to University 101 classes to facilitate a discussion about the Creed. What better way is there to "promote values necessary for moral conduct in our modern society" than to go into classrooms and talk directly to students?

The work of the

Carolina Judicial Council and other university organizations, as related to the Creed, cannot be summed up in one day of events. It is a daily commitment, and one we share with the Carolina community as a whole. I would challenge Mr. Manning to broaden his interpretation of events that represent the Creed. After all, the diversity of this community is a major component of what makes the University of South Carolina the fantastic school it is.

Sincerely,

Bri Nathan
Vice President of Creed Programming, Carolina Judicial Council
Associate Justice, Constitutional Council

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IN OUR OPINION

Students need to turn out for hoops tip-off

There is no better time to get excited for Carolina basketball than tonight.

With coach Darrin Horn making his debut, and with no home football game the next day, there isn't any excuse for not being excited. He hosted the first-ever open practice in the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center and athletics has offered a prize for the student who can create the best name for the student section.

They are doing a lot to rouse energy for the team and students shouldn't disappoint.

They are doing a lot to rouse energy for the team and students shouldn't disappoint. We need to be at that game to get the season off on the right foot.

If nothing else, go for the loyalty points.

Scanning a ticket for tonight's game means two points that can be helpful towards getting admission to late season games against SEC rivals.

They can also be helpful in building up points for next year's football season opener, where tickets will again be hard to come by. Carolina sports fans are known as some of the most loyal and fervent of any in college sports, at least when it comes to football. There is no reason why that same loyalty can't transfer over to basketball.

Even if you plan on spending Saturday on a greyhound bus headed to Gainesville, Fla., you need to spend Friday night cheering on your Gamecocks in the Colonial Life Arena.

CORRECTIONS

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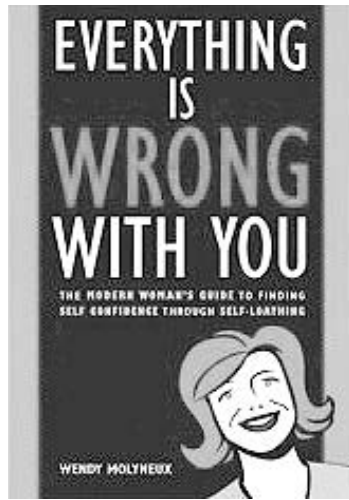
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Tow Books released the faux self-help book in 2008.

Molyneux's book satires fashion magazines

New release aimed for female audience blasts self-deprecation

"Everything is wrong with you"
 ★★★★★ out of ☆☆☆☆☆

Hayley Dreis
 STAFF WRITER

Have you ever been overwhelmed with self-doubt and the pressures of 21st-century expectations? Your cure may or may not be found in Wendy Molyneux's "Everything Is Wrong With You: The Modern Woman's Guide to Finding Self-Confidence Through Self-Loathing."

The skim-able comedy spoof sarcastically debunks myths on every topic: science, literature, sex, beauty, astrology, dating and more.

The "horrible flaws checklist" reveals the beauty industry's ridiculousness and money-driven nature. There is a feel-good quality of not checking off: "I am a fatty," "I have spider lashes,"

BOOK REVIEW ● 6A

SceneSC aids music artists, fans

USC grad's Web site to connect artists, listeners in Columbia

Shelby Sachs
 THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Music-promoting Web site SceneSC not only promotes bands and supports the Columbia music scene, but it also connects fans with the musicians through show and album reviews and live videos.

SceneSC was created over the summer by David Russell Stringer, a USC alumnus, and is the first Web site of its kind in South Carolina.

"I started [SceneSC] July 1, and created it to help do my part in the music scene in South Carolina. There weren't any Web sites out there for bands and fans to go and connect with other people and find out about new music," Stringer said. "There used to be a Web site called SC Music, but there hasn't been one in the past five years."

The local music community has struggled over the past

SCENESC ● 6A



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Kinsey Sicks' controversial show takes on a talk show format, reminiscent of "The View," with the addition of singing, sex and men in drag.

Show highlights vocals, lack of taste

Kinsey Sicks undermines a capella performance with over-the-top jokes

Tas Anjarwalla
 THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The Kinsey Sicks, advertised as "America's favorite Dragapella Beauty Shop Quartet," gave an incredibly unusual performance in the Russell House Ballroom Wednesday night. Most of the show can't, within the bounds of good taste, even be printed in the paper.

With enough cheese to make all the mice in McBryde happy, the painfully corny opening introduction left one waiting anxiously for the actual singing to begin. When it finally did, the crowd was taken aback by the incredible singing prowess of the quartet. One thing was evident — these girls could sing. Tone down the crass jokes, shorten the boring talk show segments, strengthen the weak attempts at political humor and the Kinsey Sicks could be a respectable group. Their vocal range and harmonizing skills were pretty striking, and made it easy for the audience to forget that these women were actually men. The only thing that could possibly be better than Trixie's amazingly high range was her impressively realistic cleavage.

The downfall of the performance was in its talking points. Jokes about Obama's dead grandmother and names like Trampolina are more sad than funny, which pretty much sums up the comedy of the quartet. Their format of a talk show, entitled "Wake the #%\$@ up America!," served as an unnecessary vehicle for some uninspired commentary. The songs that stemmed from the show were admittedly catchy. The Sicks took the tunes of well-known pieces and added their own satirical messages. The Dixie Cups' "Chapel of Love" became a song about Propostion-8: "Going to the chapel, and we cant get married, locked out of the Chapel of Love." Instead of Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie's "We Are the World" the Kinsey Sicks sang about violence: "We arm the world, we arm the children." But, while the political and social commentary was pretty insightful at times, the overload of stereotypical and unfunny drag humor lessened any poignant effect the Sicks tried to make.

Rachel's ode to her cursed abundance of pubic hair and Trampolina's incessant faux excitement over anything remotely sexual got old pretty quickly. These were just two of the many things that cheapened what could have been an engrossing performance.

Beatrice Biwott, a first-year nursing student, really enjoyed the show.

"It was very good," she said. "I loved the songs and the issues that they brought up. It

was just so different."

During the show the performers called up four guests to the stage from the audience. The second guest, Richie Gaizer, a second-year business student, was asked to pretend that he was former GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney and proceeded to be hit on by the Sicks.

"I was asked to be a guest before the show started. I didn't want to have to get up on stage, but I felt that saying no to a drag queen would be bad karma," he said. "The show was definitely an interesting experience. I honestly don't know what I think about it. Yeah, it was funny at times but it wasn't hilarious. I thought it was raunchy for the sake of being raunchy—not that I didn't like having a guy in a short dress riding me."

By the second half of the program the word drag took on a very literal meaning. It was a surprise to see there were more than 30 people left by the end considering the numbers that left during the show.

Overall the Kinsey Sicks were missing the opulence, elegance and flash that make a drag show so entertaining. The Sicks had to overcompensate with clichéd jokes and over-the-top impersonations of drag queens instead of being legitimate ones.

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Jack's Mannequin album inspired by past, present

Tracks full of emotion, impressive vocal range, inspirational lyrics

"The Glass Passenger"
 ★★★★★ out of ☆☆☆☆☆

Hayley Dreis
 STAFF WRITER

After fully recovering from leukemia, Andrew McMahon, lead singer and founder of piano rock band Jack's Mannequin, aims to make a comeback with a second release— "The Glass Passenger" (Sire Records, 2008).

Former member of punk-pop quintet Something Corporate, McMahon formed Jack's Mannequin as a side project. The band's successful first release, "Everything In Transit" (Maverick Records, 2005), debuted at No. 37 on the Billboard Top 200 chart.

McMahon said the current album is more about holistically reconciling his past than recovering from cancer.

"The Glass Passenger" is not about recovering from cancer," McMahon said in a news release. "It's just about recovering. I was trying to use the music to

sort through and reconcile the adversity of my past."

McMahon delves into the topic of recovery in "The Resolution." The pathos throbbing track reveals his inner conclusion in the chorus: "I'm alive and I don't need a witness to know that I survived/ I'm not looking for forgiveness, I just need light ... in the dark as I search for the resolution."

"Crashin," "Swim" and "Drop Out — The So Unknown" show off McMahon's excellent chops in rock piano arrangement. McMahon carries his piano-rock experience from Something Corporate and delivers a solid variation of background and heavy key parts to the heart of these tracks.

"Annie Use Your Telescope" has a really unique melodic blend with vocal overlaps and a more prominent string section. The track's style stands out as a mix between The Killers, Jump Little Children and Death Cab For Cutie.

More up-tempo tracks "Spinning" and "Bloodshot" have a more guitar-involved, rock band focus. McMahon naturally adjusts his vocals to a harder style in these tracks, and demonstrates his vocal versatility.

Other favorite "Hammer and Strings (A Lullaby)" clearly



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Andrew McMahon returns to Jack's Mannequin after battling with cancer.

sums up McMahon's experience writing the album. The smooth, slow and organically produced track reveals his healing process through songwriting: "Give me something to believe in, a breath form the breathing so write it down/ I don't think that I'll close my eyes."

McMahon said he feels that his current release speaks more universally.

"I wanted to make a record that wasn't exactly about what I had seen, but what I had felt along the

way," McMahon said. "Part of what's driven me to make music is this idea of connection; taking my experiences and writing about them honestly, but in such a way that someone in a completely different situation can still relate to them."

With the help of co-producer Jim Wirt (Incubus, Hoobastank), "The Glass Passenger" was recorded over the past two years as a "bizarre balance between

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“I have problem skin” or “I have extra appendages or two or more heads.” The book even includes a pocketbook reference timeline of “All of the History You Need To Know.” It begins with “dinosaurs,” continues to when “fairies and elves become extinct,” to when “women are invented,” up to now — when “robots rise to defeat Republicans ... [and] unicorns return.”

Molyneux said she found her inspiration for the book after reading through magazines like “Vogue” and “W.”

“For the most part I think things in those magazines are just for amusement and it’s not like ‘I’m filled with rage and loathing when I read them,’” Molyneux said. “But there are definitely some things about them that are worth lampooning.”

Molyneux includes creatively inspired sections such as made-up advice letters from celebrities like Dr. Phil and Tyra Banks and a section on tanning, advising readers to “go for a thick coat of butterscotch frosting.”

“Every year, in some women’s magazines, there’s at least a page or two on tanning and your different options,” Molyneux said. “So there are so many topics out there that they have to cover over, and over, and over again. Just by picking up six or seven [magazines] at the



Special to THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Author Wendy Molyneux may enjoy a fashion magazine from time to time, but makes fun of them in a recent book.

newsstand, I was able get a bunch of different topics to go off of to write the comedy bits.”

But Molyneux admits to the occasional fashion magazine indulgence.

“I don’t think I would write a book making fun of something if it wasn’t also something I did,” Molyneux said. “It’s not like I’m going ‘shame on you for reading these magazines.’ It really is a satire of something I also look at and read.”

Molyneux said both men and women could appreciate the fun read, especially college-aged readers.

“I think it’s a book for people who are into comedy,” Molyneux said. “A guy could pick it up and read it. It’s not specifically directed at women because I don’t have a message and it’s just for fun.”

Molyneux is currently a

screenwriter and a popular contributor of short-form comedy to McSweeney’s Internet Tendency with stories “Created in the Darkness by Troubled Americans” and “Mountain Man Dance Moves.” She also performs improv in Hollywood at the Improv Olympic West, a comedy powerhouse that has launched many SNL and MADtv performers.

All women should read this book as long as they don’t take it too seriously.

“I just needed something to satirize and there it was,” Molyneux said. “There’s no actual information in it. It’s all jokes.”

So what really is wrong with women?

“Nothing,” said Molyneux. “Other than original sin.”

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couple of years with being recognized as a great music source, but also with getting locals to actually attend shows and lend grassroots support to the musicians.

“I think there are a lot of good artists in Columbia but [locals] don’t know about them yet because there is no way for them to find out,” Stringer said. “We [at SceneSC], are trying to create more of a community to bring everyone together so that people will know there are other good artists out there and will be able to connect with them.”

Five bands will be sharing one stage tonight at 7:30 p.m.

at New Brookland Tavern. Columbia natives, Marry A Thief, This Machine Is Me, The Decade and Ghosts of the Great Highway will be playing along with Maryland-based Amen, The Animal, formerly of Columbia.

“For the kick-off party, we were trying to get as many big bands as possible,” Stringer said. “For future shows, we are trying to get two successful bands and then a few bands that we feel are ‘up and coming.’ We are going to try to do four SceneSC sponsored shows a year.”

Along with the five bands that will be performing at tonight Friday’s show, several

more will be featured on a SceneSC compilation CD that will include a lot of B-Sides from bigger bands in South Carolina which will be used to promote the bands and raise money for the site.

“I came up with the idea because we were trying to think of a fundraiser that would help bands and help us raise money to keep the Web site going,” Stinger said. “We decided to do the compilation and bands were really excited about it because it helps get their name out there.”

Stringer and many others involved in SceneSC would like to carry on the foundation work that they have already created. Along with continuing the Web site, they intend to create several more promotional items for the site to help the bands.

“We are going to start to do more professional videos next year [along with] a compilation CD that is coming out in January [and] a South Carolina bands DVD,” Stringer said. “We think we might [also] go more regional with the Web site, but not anytime soon.”

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present and past” whenever inspiration struck McMahon.

In addition to recording the album, McMahon performed for a 22-city “Tour for the Cure,” which raised \$125,000 to benefit The Dear Jack Foundation, a non-profit organization founded by McMahon to fund cancer research.

It is evident through McMahon’s serious lyrical focus and softer melodies that recording the album was a personally rewarding experience.

“The completion of this album and its release represents the closing of a chapter,” McMahon said. “It was a difficult time, but also one of immense hope. It was during this period that my music and my life were the most seamlessly bound together—a truth that makes this album’s release far more pleasing for me than most could ever imagine.”

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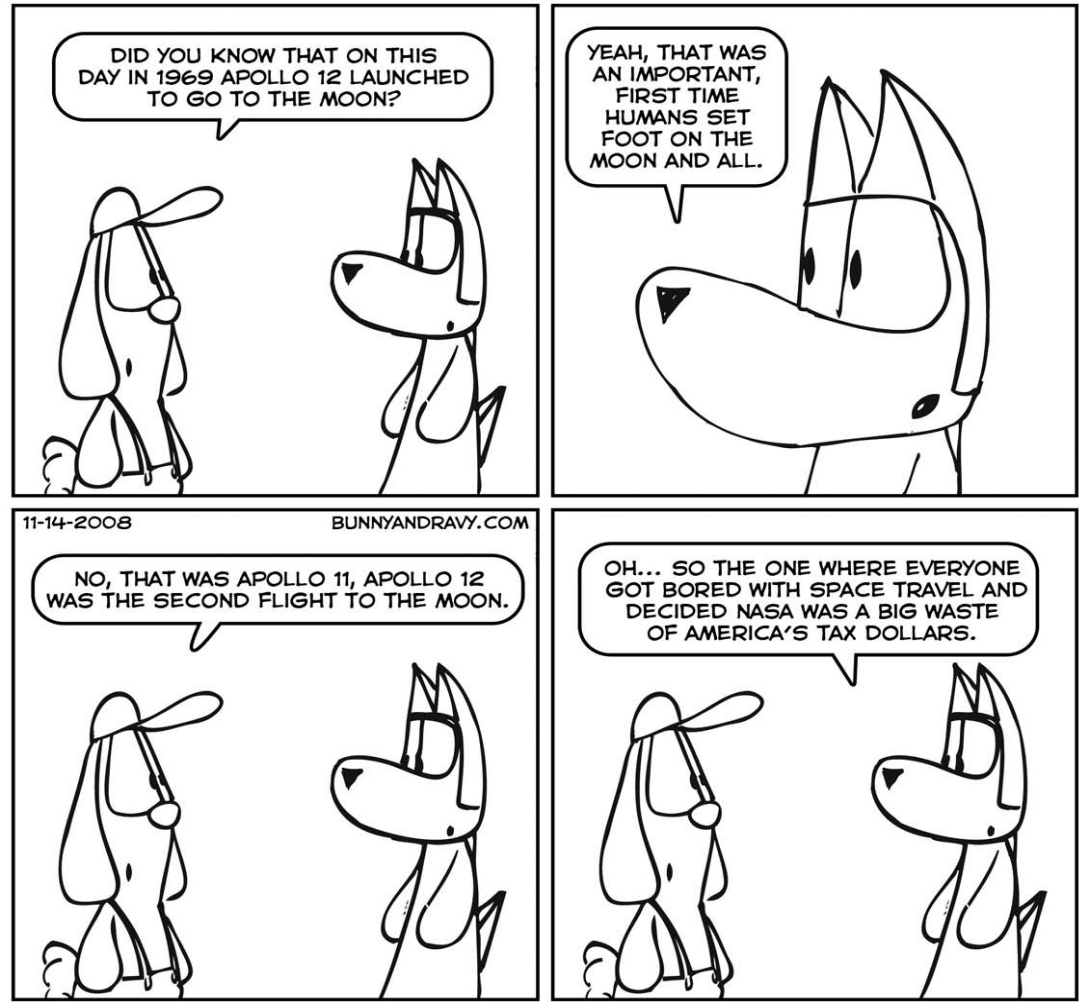
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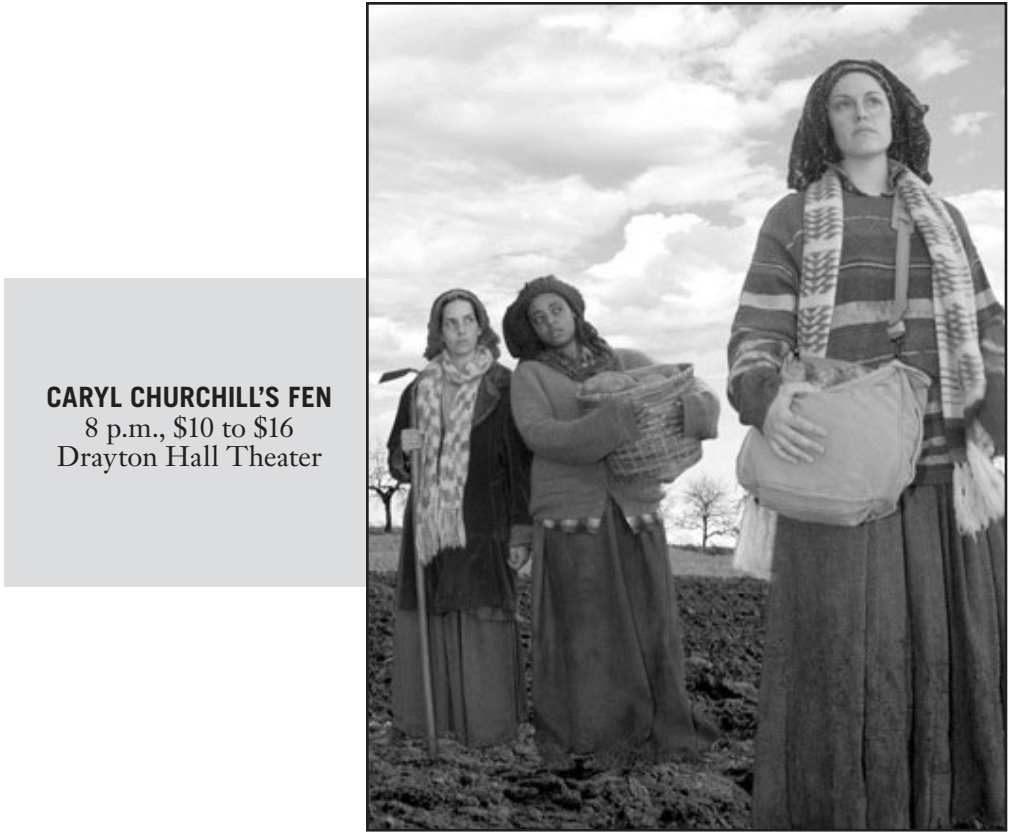
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SPEED KILLS

Gamecocks bring their own flavor of team speed as they travel to The Swamp to take on self-proclaimed 'fastest team in SEC'

Jake Luce
STAFF WRITER

The SEC stands out as a conference containing the fastest, most athletic players in college football. In no other game will the speed of this conference be better exemplified than in Saturday's bout against the Gators.

Florida has rolled through quality conference competitors after its embarrassing one-point loss against the Ole Miss Rebels that gave them its only blemish of the season.

After the devastating loss, Urban Meyer's team has bounced back with a vengeance, winning five straight SEC games including victories over championship contenders Georgia and LSU. Despite facing two top 10 teams in their last five games, the Gators have outscored their opponents 243-57 during the stretch.

Their method for success is simple: Speed kills, and Florida has some of the fastest in the SEC on both sides of the ball.

"They've got 15 guys running a 4-4 and they're real fast, both on paper and on the field," Junior cornerback Captain Munnerlyn said. "I've never seen anyone as fast as Percy Harvin so we're just going to go down there and hope we can contain."

Offensively the Gators' stats are amazing; the team is averaging just over 42 points and an extremely balanced 407 yards per game (198 rushing, 209 passing).

Their attack is of course led by Heisman Trophy Winner Tim Tebow who has decided to become more of a game manager compared to last year's one man show.

Tebow has an impressive arm, but the 6-foot-3-inch, 240-pound quarterback's speed and size set him apart from the competition.

"He's just real tough," Munnerlyn said. "He doesn't mind running over a 275-pound linebacker or defensive end."

Though he has already thrown for 17 touchdowns and just two interceptions this year, the man amongst boys has also rushed for more than 350 yards and 10 touchdowns on the season.

"He's not a 4-4 guy but I think he's really an athlete," junior linebacker Eric Norwood said. "He can run the ball and get it done, but we know our defense can get it done too."

In last year's embarrassing meeting between Florida and South Carolina, Tebow solidified the Heisman trophy by throwing for 300 yards and two touchdowns while accumulating 120 yards and five touchdowns on the ground.

In order to contain the impending threat of the elusive quarterback, Carolina's top defensive players will need to step up.

In his first year at linebacker, Norwood has been impressive but has needed to make some adjustments from the

way he played defensive end last year.

One of Norwood's key responsibilities in Saturday's matchup will be containing the Gator's option attack which will likely force mismatches towards the linebacker's direction.

Norwood will have to use his speed and athleticism to manage both running threats in the option attack. He must also be prepared to drop back into coverage if Tebow decides to throw from the option.

Another offensive threat that has the potential of striking a different kind of fear in opposing defenses is stud wide receiver, running back Harvin.

For anyone who has yet to see the deadly moves of 5-foot-11, 195 pound speedster, this might be the next prototype athlete for professional and collegiate football.

The shifty Gator is leading his team in receiving for the second season in a row and has already hauled in 32 catches for 513 yards and seven touchdowns. His 16 yards per catch makes him a major focal point for any opposing defense.

"Percy is fast-fast, but the main thing is that we need to do is pursue the ball whoever has it," Norwood said. "Whether it's Tebow, Rainey, Harvin or whoever we just need to fly to the ball and take their heads off."

Harvin will likely be Tebow's main target as the two have combined for 32 of the Gators 45 total touchdowns — 70 percent of the team's scoring.

With Florida's highly touted offense looking to add another conference win to their BCS bragging sheet, the Gamecocks defense will need to prepare for what might be the fastest, most dangerous offense in the country.

The Gamecocks stout defense will definitely be challenged in the SEC bout, but if they can successfully contain Florida's explosively fast offense, Carolina might have a chance to crush the Gators' title hopes.

For South Carolina to have any success offensively, they will need to run a faster paced offense than they may be accustomed to. Coach Steve Spurrier's new offensive scheme of quarterback shuffling might be the perfect technique to limit the effect of the Swamp on the play calling.

"We understand that we're not going to be able to hear much," Spurrier said. "[Shuffling Quarterbacks] eliminates signals and crowd noise and it really is not a bad way to do it."

Whoever ends up under center for South Carolina this weekend will need to accelerate their progressions and get rid of the ball sooner to have success against the imposing Florida defense.

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Many things have changed for Cory Boyd, but his love for USC remains

Michael Aguilar
SPORTS EDITOR

Cory Boyd was many things while at South Carolina from 2003-2007, he was in the top 10 in career rushing and top 15 in single season rushing. Boyd was more than just any football player. He was the face of his team — whenever someone needed to say something, Boyd was the one to say it. He was a media darling, he was a fan favorite. He was the player that would cry on the sidelines after every loss.

“I’m a Gamecock for life,” Boyd said. “I’ve got it tattooed on my shoulder.”

Some things never change.

Boyd seems to be one of those things. In an athletic world where merely three above average seasons put a coach on the hot seat, in a sports universe where athletes hold out on their teams for weeks at a time, Boyd remains in the world of football for nothing more than the love of the game.

Boyd saw limited time in a talented backfield his freshman and sophomore years. However, many fans appreciated his fire and his coaches saw true potential in the young tailback from New Jersey — so much potential that Boyd was listed as a starter in three of the final four games of Lou Holtz’ career.

During his junior year, Boyd realized just how much football meant to him. He was forced to sit on the sideline for violations of team rules and watch his team go all the way to the Independence Bowl and lose without him in 2005. He lost an entire year of his career — when one considers the average retirement age of NFL running backs hovers around 25 — a year is an

eternity.

However, Boyd didn’t just sit on the sidelines and stew about his poor decisions or the harsh judgement of his new coach, Steve Spurrier. Boyd examined himself, he searched for the problem within himself and what he could do to change it.

“It just helped me to see the importance of football and what it meant to me and how far it had gotten me,” Boyd said. “It was more so me finding out who I was as a human being and an individual and a man that was growing.”

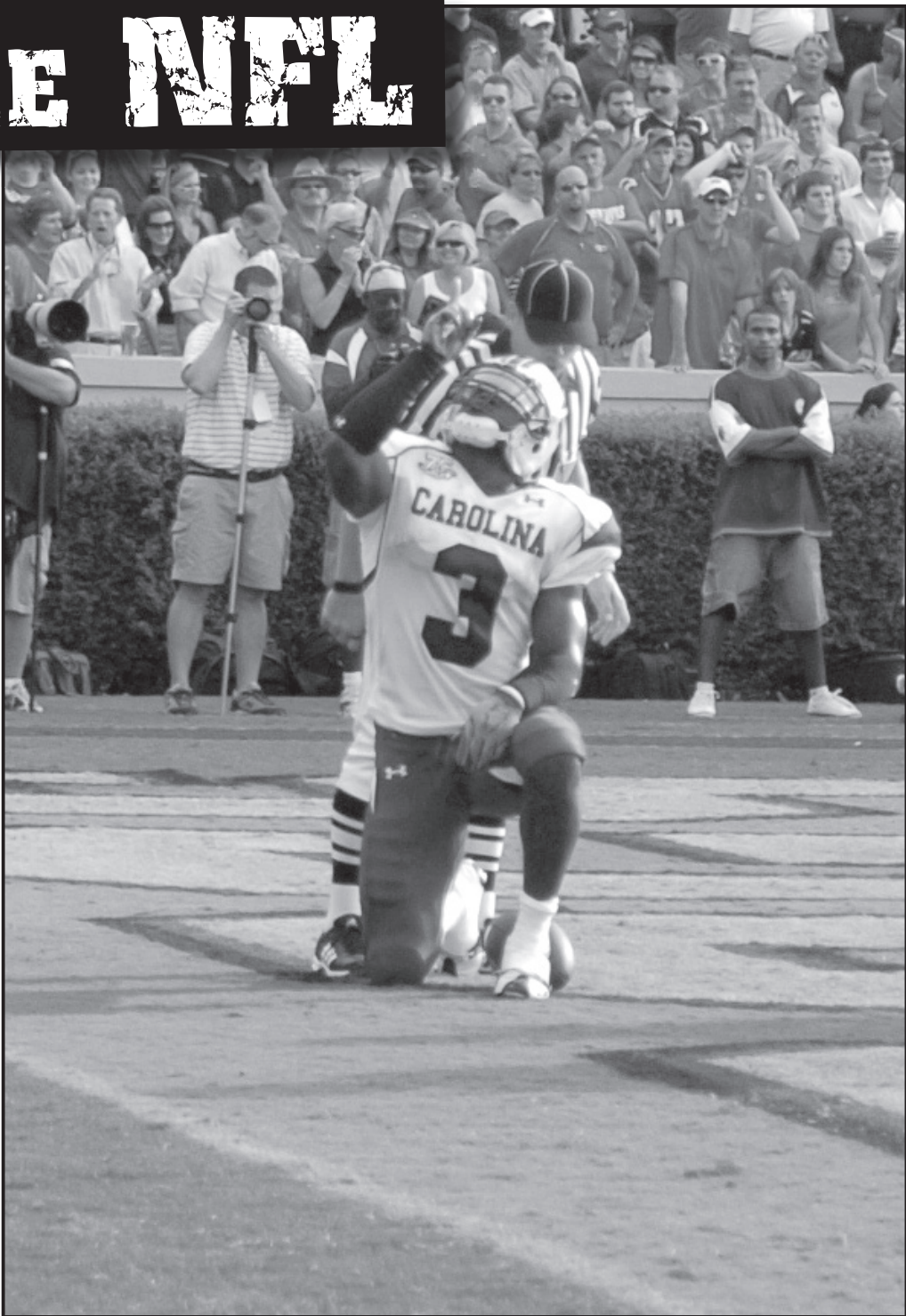
Grow he did, for the final two years of his career Boyd would lead the Gamecocks to a Liberty Bowl win and to a top 10 ranking in successive years. He was the kind of player who fans were truly attached to. He knew how to act and how to play and people recognized it.

“He’s special,” Boyd’s position coach Rob Gillespie said. “He’s a kid that overcame a lot on and off the field and I think the fans really appreciated the heart and the passion that he played with. He’s a guy that deserves to be remembered around here for the way he played and the way he carried himself on the football field.”

However, Boyd is entering a new chapter of his life that is separate from his Carolina family. He was drafted late by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and entered into the NFL with hopes of stardom and fame. However, the season had not even started before the Bucs pulled the rug out from under Boyd’s feet and sent him packing.

“I was down and out and nobody was going to pick me up,” Boyd said. “But God

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Cory Boyd celebrates a touchdown against Georgia in 2007.

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King has big plans to silence ‘Gator Chomp’ in Gainesville

Young tackle has made impact in Columbia, prepared to leave his mark in The Swamp

Sam Davis
STAFF WRITER

Sophomore offensive tackle Jarriel King stands at 6-foot-7-inch and weighs 285 pounds – surely an intimidating figure to any personal company whether opponent or fan. Yet what might come as a shock to many is the fact that King has things on his mind other than eating his opposition and anybody else in his way alive. He really just wants to have fun.

“You think I’m sitting there like a big, mean Sasquatch man or something. But I’m actually out there having fun ...” King said. “We’re making jokes on the field during the game, and that’s cool with me. I can see a lot of good things coming from that.”

King is part of an offensive line for the South Carolina Gamecocks that has certainly seen its share of up and downs this season. However, improvements are certainly being made.

Last week in Carolina’s 34-21 victory over Arkansas, the offensive line helped to finally propel the struggling running game, which for the first time in six games averaged more than three yards per rush. Freshman running back Eric Baker rushed for 59 yards on

nine carries, the second highest yards per rush of any Gamecock running back this season. The O-line also surrendered just two sacks, also an improved statistic for the Gamecocks. King says that the progress certainly didn’t go unnoticed and the statistics do not lie.

“The Arkansas game was one of my best games as a Gamecock ... I made a lot of improvements in some different ways,” King said. “I’m just trying to keep doing things the coaches are telling me to do — coach Spurrier, [offensive line] coach Hunt.”

The Gamecocks travel to Gainesville, Fla. to take on the third-ranked Florida Gators on national television this Saturday. In order to give the 2005 and 2006 national champions a run, USC will need nearly all aspects of the game to go their way. The offensive line, in particular, needs to provide space for the running game and time for the quarterbacks so that the offense can put points on the scoreboard.

However, Florida linebacker Brandon Spikes is trying to send the Gamecocks home with a loss. The 6-foot-3-inch, 245-pound junior currently leads the Gator defense with 66 tackles and eight

tackles for loss. Spikes is part of a defensive unit that currently leads the SEC in scoring defense with 11.6 points per game, and he will certainly pose a problem to the offensive line on both run plays and pass plays (he has also added two sacks and two interceptions this year). Last year, he started all 13 games and led the team with 131 tackles, earning himself 1st Team All-SEC Honors. It’s imperative for a USC blocker to have a body on Brandon Spikes at all times this Saturday. Otherwise, he will wreak havoc on the Gamecocks’ seemingly mediocre offense.

Luckily for the Gamecocks, additional motivation is provided against Florida. Other than beating the third best team in the country and securing a substantial BCS Bowl game, King says there’s one more reason he really wants to come back to Columbia with a victory.

“That little clapping they do over there. For some reason I just don’t like it. I see it on video games and, I don’t know, it just bothers me,” King said referring to the Gator fans’ signature gator chomp. “Maybe I’ll have a really good game because of that.”

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Munnerlyn plans to shut down Gators' No. 1 threat

Florida's Harvin dangerous running, catching; USC cornerback ready to stand up for defense

Morgan Henley
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Can the No. 1 defense in the SEC stop the top offense? It is a question on most Carolina fans' mind right now. The defense will have to stop Heisman winning quarterback Tim Tebow from either running or throwing the ball, along with keeping very close to speedy running back Percy Harvin.

Last year the Gators came to Williams-Brice and shut the Gamecocks out with a score of 31-51. This was when the Gators were only No. 15 in the country compared to their current No. 3 spot. The Gators have upped up their play, namely with Tebow, after their upset to Ole Miss.

"I don't think anyone's playing better than Florida right now," junior safety Emanuel Cook said. "Putting 42 points up a game, shutting all their opponents out, they're having a great season really."

Tebow has scored five touchdowns in the past two games against Georgia and Vanderbilt, two teams the Gamecocks let slip past them for wins. Controlling the run game will be Carolina's only hope if they want to contain the

Gator offense. Tebow is rated as the best quarterback in the conference as he not only has a great pass efficiency rate, but he's also much bigger than most quarterbacks. He has a good 20 pounds on either quarterback Chris Smelley or Stephen Garcia.

"He's pretty big, like 225-230, he runs like a halfback or a fullback," senior linebacker Jasper Brinkley said. "He's a physical player and he likes contact. Anytime you have a player like that it's going to be a challenge to stop."

This season the defense has done well controlling offenses and taking the game into its own hands. Senior defensive end Jordyn Lindsey's interception last game proved exactly this.

"You always want to come out and make a statement," Brinkley said. "I had an opportunity to watch from the sidelines and see them rip us to pieces [last year]. You want to go out there and prove that we are capable of playing with these guys."

Junior cornerback Captain Munnerlyn will

be covering Harvin, a running back who has shown how speed pays off. Harvin is averaging nine points a game and totaling 72 points this season. This will be Munnerlyn's time to prove just how big of an asset he is to the Gamecocks. Harvin and Munnerlyn are almost identical in size and wear No. 1.

"[Harvin's] got extra speed, excellent quickness," Munnerlyn said. "I'm ready for the challenge. You know I'm gonna go out there and give him all I've got."

Playing in a stadium like The Swamp is never easy for the opposing team. The Swamp is bigger than any of the stadiums the Gamecocks have played in this year. The team also must be prepared to not be able to hear much of anything, as the Gator fan base is known for being deafeningly loud.

"I think it compares well with LSU because the student section is right on top of the opponents bench," Brinkley said. "So you can hear the fans breathing down your neck."

The Gators are looking for not only a win at the SEC Championships but potentially their second National Championship in three years as well. A win against Carolina and their next two games against the Citadel and Florida State would provide a comfortable cushion heading into their match up against Alabama.

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1. Is there anything USC Tim Tebow can't do?



JAKE BROOM
Second-year graduate student

I got tired of hearing about Tim Tebow, oh, about two years ago. I'm glad he's a great person, but I don't want to see him on ESPN Game Day performing circumcisions in the Philippines any more. In

fact, I don't want to see anything remotely related to circumcisions on Game Day ever again. That was just taking this whole Tebow thing way, way too far.

Gainesville's Campus Church of Christ even had a sermon in late September entitled "Why I pray for Tebow." The minister explained his sermon by saying "I'm going to pray that he is true to his faith because if he falls and gets caught up in some kind of scandal it will be bad for Christianity."

All right people, time to relax. Tebow's spiritual success or failure has no bearing on Christianity, and the people who think that it does need to take a few plays off.

(Side note: I wonder if he put a little miniature pair of jorts on his Heisman? Did they make him a special trophy where the little man was wearing Texas?)

2. Will the atmosphere in Gainesville, Fla. affect

Florida will pack in about 90,000 fans. They are notoriously loud, but the fact that it's a 3:30 p.m. day game rather than a night game should calm everybody down a little bit. There is also a chance of thunderstorms, but I don't think Tebow will let that happen. When lightning strikes Tebow, it retreats back into the clouds in fear.

3. Will Steve Spurrier continue to rotate two quarterbacks?

Even though rotating quarterbacks last week freaked everybody out, I loved it. It gave Spurrier a chance to review every play with both quarterbacks and ask them important things like "No really, the guy wants to be called Dabo?" and "Is Michael Phelps really wearing man capri pants on the sidelines?"

Also, it gave me a chance to single out the people in the stands who boo whenever Chris Smelley enters the game. This method is much easier than making them all hold signs that say "I'm a moron."

4. Will Chris Culliver's suspension make an impact?

Culliver is suspended for the first half of the game because of fighting in the Arkansas game. Freshman Akeem Auguste is supposed to replace him, but an

injury has put his status in doubt.

This could obviously be bad for USC, but maybe Culliver will learn that punching a guy with a helmet on is stupid for more than one reason. Remember Chris: If you're going to get suspended, at least take the guy's helmet off before you start to punch him. Why is this not being coached? Somewhere Lou Holtz is very disappointed.

5. Why is everyone trying to "name" the defense?

The State had a post on its Web site asking readers to give USC's defense a nickname. Well, Auguste already did. He deemed them "The Goon Squad," but everybody is just ignoring this. Personally, I couldn't be happier about calling them "The Goon Squad."

My favorite Goon Squad definition is "An emergency response detail of corrections officers within a penal institution; frequently called upon to put down inmate uprisings or to quell otherwise violent incidents."

I can't get enough of this stuff. No matter what Auguste does the rest of his time here, he has earned his scholarship as far as I am concerned.

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called at the right time and Denver gave me a ring.”

Boyd said that he used Gillespie as a crutch. When times were rough he would call up his old coach for advice. Gillespie dispensed his knowledge to the best of his ability and now that the Denver Broncos have picked Boyd up in search of a new feature back, Gillespie truly believes that Boyd’s waiting period has paid off.

“I know he was down when he was released by Tampa and I just told him to keep working hard and not to take anything personal because it’s a business,” Gillespie said. “I was excited to see that the Denver Broncos picked him up because I think it’s a great situation. I think any running back in the NFL would want to get a chance to play in that offense because of the great backs that have come through it.”

Boyd won’t argue with his old coach either. He’s had an all-around change of heart and soul. He searched himself in his down time and found that it wasn’t up to him to decide where he was to end up playing football.

“God put me in Tampa Bay to teach me how to be hungry and then gave me

the opportunity to play here in Denver and my whole mindset changed,” Boyd said. “I got saved and I just put all my trust into the Lord and I’m not trying to take on too much with my own hands, I just have to give it to God.”

Plenty has changed for Boyd. He’s gone from the lowlands of Columbia to the Mile High City. He’s seen the insides of two NFL franchises. He’s found a new purpose in life, but one thing hasn’t changed. If you ask Boyd what he has to say to his old teammates who are heading down to Gainesville, Fla. this weekend, Boyd will only have five words for you.

“Go! Fight! Win! Kick ass!” Boyd shouted as if he was sitting in the stands of Williams-Brice.

And if you tell Gillespie about his young friend’s reaction to the mention of Saturday’s game?

“That’s Cory Boyd in a nutshell,” Gillespie laughed.

While few things have remained the same in Cory Boyd’s life, some things will probably never change.

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way of the Gamecocks will be standout junior linebacker Brandon Spikes who leads the Gators with 66 total tackles. Though Spikes is the team’s most notable defensive presence, tight-end Jared Cook remains confident in his own abilities.

“Spikes is a good player, but we have to come out ready to bust heads with these guys,” Cook said. “I’m not really worried at all, just as long as Weslye [Saunders] and I play our game I think we’ll be alright.”

For Cook, that game of his means being the go-to receiver and leading the pass-happy offense with 542 reception yards already this season. Cook hopes to reiterate his playmaking ability that he flaunted last weekend with a 66-yard touchdown catch and run.

Cook and the rest of the offense realize that they will be facing an opponent that has an inept ability to cover extremely well and get after the ball consistently.

“They have some good guys on defense and they have showed it,” Cook said. “In the past, guys on their team have been able to cover us from side to side real

well.”

Overall, the Gamecocks will need to use their speed to find the mismatches between themselves and the opposing defense. Whether it is Kenny McKinley matched up against their top corner, Cook running routes on their linebackers or Eric Baker breaking loose from defensive ends, the offense will need to be flying around the field on every play.

Defensively the Gamecocks know they have their work cut out for them as they match up against the highly praised Gators offense.

Already this year, the defense has performed well for its biggest challenges and has yet to allow more than 24 points in a game. If the defense can somehow contain Tebow, Harvin and the rest of Florida’s attack, the Gamecocks might be able to shake up the BCS world and make this season one of the most memorable ones in recent history.

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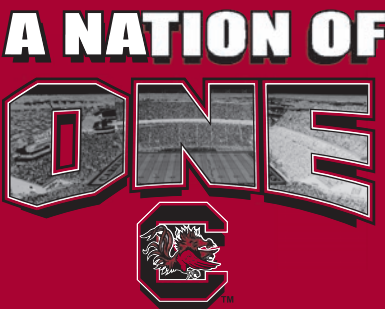
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